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1. FOLLOWING FURTHER MEETINGS OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONTACT GROUP ON JULY 29, SMALLER DRAFTING GROUP MET ON JULY 30 AND PRODUCED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN G-77 DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION (GENEVA 5881). HOWEVER, OUTLINES OF A GENERAL COMPROMISE HAVE YET TO EMERGE. STATEMENT CONCERNING CIEC IS A DECIDED IMPROVEMENT, BUT LDC'S STILL INSIST ON CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT AND SINGLING OUT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR FAILURES OF DEVELOPMENT DECADE. DEBATE ALSO CONTINUES BETWEEN G-77 AND ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OVER GIVING GENERAL ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES ON REVISION OF IDS.

2. AFTER NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED WITH REGARD TO FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH PAKISTAN ON BEHALF OF G-77 PROPOSED FOLLOWING REVISION IN PREAMBULAR PARA 2: "NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT SOME DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT INCLUDING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SURVEY, 1975, ARE NOT FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE DIRECTIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON THE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,"

DELETING "AND, IN PARTICULAR..." THROUGH END OF ORIGINAL PARAGRAPH.

3. AFTER MOST WESTERN NATIONS URGED COMPLETE DELETION (SUBJECT TO RETENTION OF OP PARA 9) NORWAY PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO G-77 AMENDMENT INVOLVING INSERTION OF "IN THE VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" BEFORE "ARE NOT FULLY CONSISTENT." WHEN G-77 REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE, OTHER MINOR REVISIONS WERE SUGGESTED WITHOUT SUCCESS. GDR SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EASTERN BLOC EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NEW G-77 PARAGRAPH WITHOUT THE NORWEGIAN AMENDMENT.

4. THERE FOLLOWED SOME INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE THREE NEW PREAMBULAR PARAS PROPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (REPORTED IN GENEVA 6090) WITH G-77 AND OTHERS SEEMINGLY FAVORING THIS ADDITION BUT UNWILLING TO MAKE COMMITMENT UNTIL QUESTION OF PRESENT SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WAS RESOLVED. G-77 THEN PROPOSED THAT OP PARA ONE REMAIN INTACT. WHEN VARIOUS WESTERN NATIONS OBJECTED TO RETAINING CRITICISM OF "DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," G-77 REPS ADVANCED LAST YEAR'S REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, RES 3517 (XXX), PARTICULARLY PARA 5 THEREOF, IN DEFENSE OF THEIR ASSERTION THAT BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPED NATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. (US WITH SIX OTHER COUNTRIES OF HAD ABSTAINED ON RES 3517).

5. IN PURPORTED ATTEMPT TO MEET US AND EC CONCERNS, G-77 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OP PARA 2 TO READ: "EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN ALSO AT THE SLOW PACE OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY..." WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH UNCHANGED. FOR OP PARA 3 THEY PROPOSED TO SUBSTITUTE: "URGES THEREFORE THE MEMBER STATES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS ON ALL FRONTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." WESTERN NATIONS EXPRESSED SOME APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS BUT AGAIN OBJECTED TO SINGLING OUT OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. JAPANESE OBJECTED TO RETENTION UNCLASSIFIED

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6. FOR OP PARA 4, G-77 PROPOSED CHANGING SENTENCE AFTER CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, SUBSTITUTING "AND AT THE LACK OF REAL PROGRESS SO FAR." AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH WOULD BE ADDED STATING "EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE DEADLOCK WILL BE PROMPTLY OVERCOME AND THAT RAPID PROGRESS WILL BE MADE TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONCRETE RESULTS BY

THE END OF 1976." ALTHOUGH WESTERN DELEGATES RESERVED THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN EXPERT ADVICE ON THIS FORMULATION, THEIR REACTION WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE.

7. G-77 PROPOSAL ON OP PARA FIVE INVOLVED CHANGE SIMILAR TO THAT FOR OP PARA ONE, I.E.: "CALLS UPON MEMBER STATES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS." WESTERN OBJECTIONS WERE AGAIN REGISTERED. NO CHANGES WERE PROPOSED FOR OP PARA 6, AND IN VIEW OF GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THIS WAS TIED UP WITH QUESTION OF PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 2 DEBATE WAS LIMITED.

8. ON REVISION OF IDS, G-77 PROPOSED RETENTION OF PRESENT OP PARA 7, WITH PAK DEL EXPLAINING THAT THIS FORMULATION SEEKS TO TRANSMIT THE IDS ISSUE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE LATTER'S WORK. HE CITED TIME FACTOR, ALSO MAINTAINING THAT ANY DETAILED EXERCISE WOULD HAVE TO START WITH LAST YEAR'S COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 4. BRITISH DELEGATE ARGUED STRONGLY FOR EC AMENDMENT, STATING ECOSOC OTHERWISE WOULD BE NEGLECTING ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS SPECIFIC MANDATE GIVEN IT IN RESOLUTION 3517 (XXX). IN VIEW OF LATE HOUR AND OBVIOUS FIRMNESS OF G-77 POSITION USDEL AND OTHERS DID NOT SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE.

9. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF PROGRESS DURING THIS SECOND READING AND LEFT OPEN THE QUESTION OF SCHEDULING ANOTHER MEETING. G-77, HOWEVER, HELD ANOTHER CAUCUS DURING EVENING; AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS SEEM LIKELY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2. ABRAMS

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